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Applicant: Tim Miller Attorney Docket No.: FORT-001500

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.